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Hon. Vincent L. Briccetti United States District Judge Southern District of New York 300 Quarropas Street White Plains, NY 10601-4150

Re: Indig, et al. v. Village of Pomona, et al., 7:18-cv-10204-VB ("Indig v. Pomona"); and TAL Properties, et ano. v. Village of Pomona, et al., Case No. 1:19-cv-06838-VB ("TAL Properties v. Pomona")

Dear Judge Briccetti:

This firm represents the plaintiffs in the above-referenced matters.<sup>1</sup>

My firm has moved by order to show cause to withdraw as counsel in both actions. As set forth in the motion papers, the grounds for withdrawal are a failure to pay legal fees, and a general breakdown of the attorney-client relationship. The latter ground is evidenced by the unsigned letter evidently faxed to chambers yesterday by or on behalf of the Plaintiffs in *Indig v. Pomona*, indicating that the Plaintiffs wish to retain a new attorney. I had no knowledge of the letter, or that anyone intended to submit it, until the letter was docketed by the Court, along with an order directing all counsel appear for a conference on August 1, 2019. However, I had previously informed Plaintiffs that, under the circumstances, I would need to withdraw, and that I intended to do so this week.

I respectfully request that that Court take up the motions to withdraw on August 1, or as soon as we may be heard. The motion to withdraw in *Indig v. Pomona* seeks a temporary stay for a reasonable period of time to allow the Plaintiffs to retain new counsel (by email to me this morning Plaintiff Robert Klein requested 45 days). I note that while the original case

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The *TAL Properties v. Pomona* matter was filed three days ago, under the following circumstances: SSD initially represented the Plaintiffs TAL Properties and Avrohom Manes in connection with a motion to vacate the dismissal of an earlier action before Judge Seibel, *TAL Properties v. Village of Pomona*, 7:17-cv-2928-CS. On July 22, 2019, Judge Seibel issued a decision denying the motion to vacate, but inviting the Plaintiffs to file the proposed amended complaint they had submitted in support of the motion as a new action. In light of that decision, and because the complaint had already been drafted and submitted to the Court as a proposed filing, SSD immediately filed the complaint as a new action, along with a notice of appeal from the order denying the motion to vacate, in order to preserve the clients' rights.

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management order in *Indig v. Pomona* had scheduled a post-discovery conference for August 1, 2019, the case deadlines were subsequently extended after Defendants changed counsel (Dkt. No. 70). Under the current schedule, the date for completion of all discovery is October 30, 2019, and the deadline for completion of fact discovery is August 29, 2019.

We thank the Court for its attention to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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